

(b) An estimate for metalling the road had been prepared by the Executive Engineer and it is under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of petitions received by Government regarding the neglected condition of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Several.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Can the member say the earliest of the representations received by him?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have to look into the records.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is the member aware that a former Dewan inspected the spot once?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, in 1932.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether he received a petition on the spot?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is the member aware that the road is lying along the banks of the canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): And that during the rainy season traffic is obstructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Not to that extent depicted by the member.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the member kindly consider to make improvements on the road at the earliest opportunity?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): An estimate has been sanctioned and when we have funds, the matter will be considered.

Tube wells in the Chirayinkil Taluk.

103. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that good drinking water is not available in the coastal regions of Chirayinkil taluk

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) why the sinking of two tube wells, one at Kayikkara and the other at Nedunganda, is left unfinished?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) An estimate was sanctioned for sinking two tube wells at Kayikkara and Kavil Vattam and pipes were sunk to a depth of 81 feet. But the water was found to be saltish. Further deepening is in progress.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government when the two tube wells in the Chirayinkil taluk, one at Kayikkara and the other at Nedunganda was started sinking?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sometime in 1931. I am not sure of the exact date.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is the member aware that a resolution was passed in this House in Karkatakam 1108 to the effect that good drinking water is not available in Chirayinkil taluk and Government must find a means to remedy that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether with reference to that resolution any action was taken by Government apart from sinking of tube wells?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know what action has been taken by Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition during recent times from any other place to the effect that there is scarcity of drinking water in those places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. I have received petitions to that effect.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether he will consider that petition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. I shall consider it.

Sir, I would like to make a statement regarding tube wells. Two tube wells were sunk one at Kayikkara and the other at Kavilvattom expecting to find good drinking water. On sinking to a depth of 81 feet, the water was found to be saltish. Further sinking is in progress.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether he has received any petition for tube wells being sunk from Kadakkavur?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I can't answer that question without referring to the files.

Adoor Vernacular Middle School for Girls.

104. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction received any petitions or complaints regarding the misconduct of the Headmistress of the V. M. G. School at Adoor, towards the girl students of Class VII:

(b) what action has been taken thereon:

(c) whether a Muslim girl student of Class VII of the school was suspended on a false case being trumped up against her by the Headmistress of the school:

(d) whether the Director has received petitions from the parents of the students to the effect that the frequent transfer of the staff of the said school has seriously affected the progress of the class work and promotion of the students, especially those of Class VII:

(e) whether the Chief Inspectress of the State has received any letter from the Headmistress regarding the suspension of one Halima Bibi, student, Class VII of the V. M. G. School at Adoor:

(f) for what reasons the punishment was given: